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Application No. 09/307,261

ORDER RETURNING UNDOCKETED APPEAL TO EXAMINER

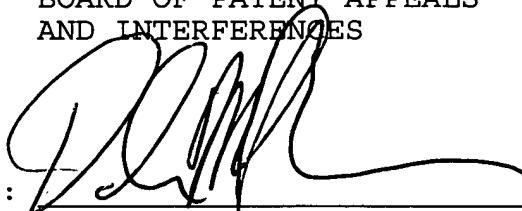
This application was received at the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on September 17, 2003. A review of the application has revealed that the application is not ready for docketing as an appeal. Accordingly, the application is herewith being returned to the examiner. The matters requiring attention prior to docketing are identified below:

On March 25, 2003, the examiner mailed an Examiner's Answer (Paper No. 11). On pages 3 and 4, section (9) of the Answer, the examiner relies upon prior art and lists the prior art therein. However, a review of the file reveals that there is no copy of the prior art listed on page 4 of the Answer, namely, both The Microsoft Press Computer Dictionary and the Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary references.

Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that the application is returned to the examiner to provide a complete copy of both of the dictionary references relied upon in the Answer as prior art, and for such further action as may be appropriate.

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